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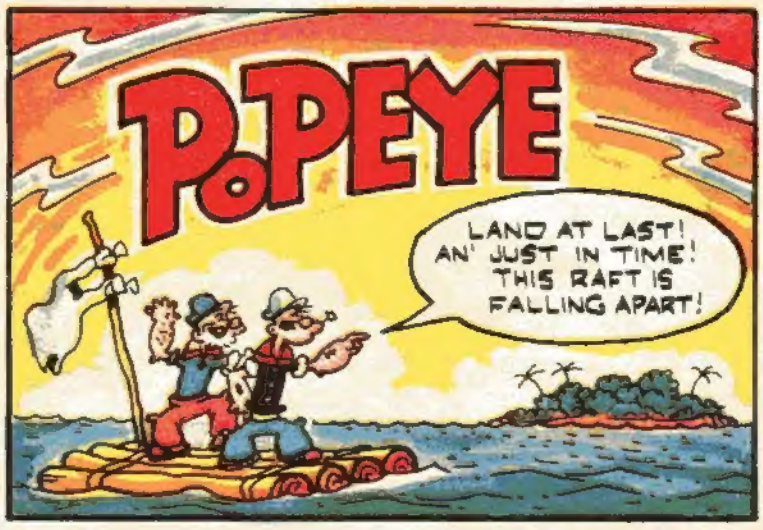

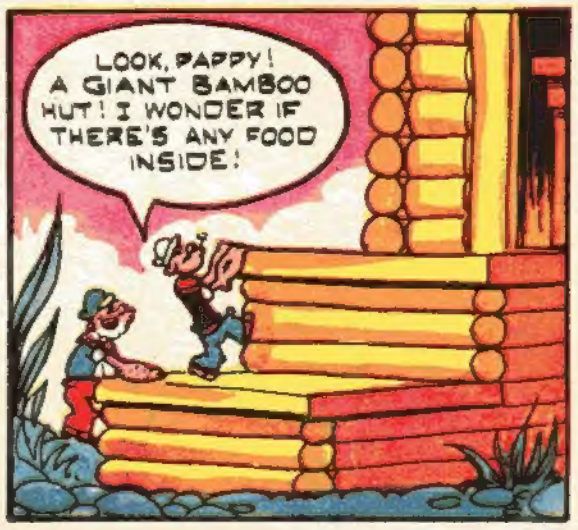

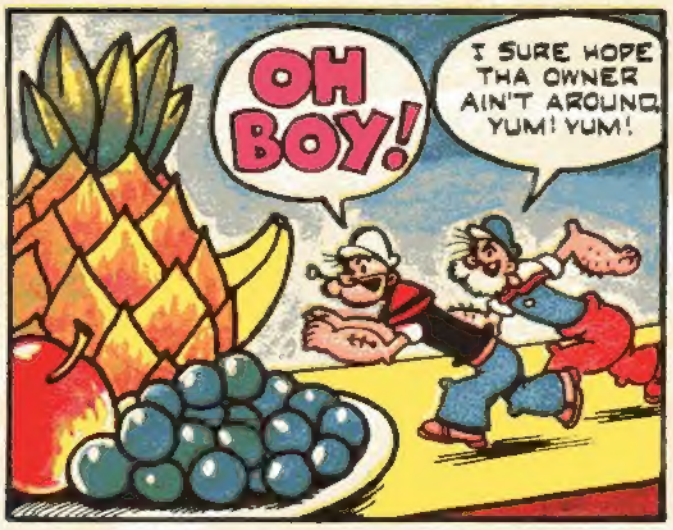

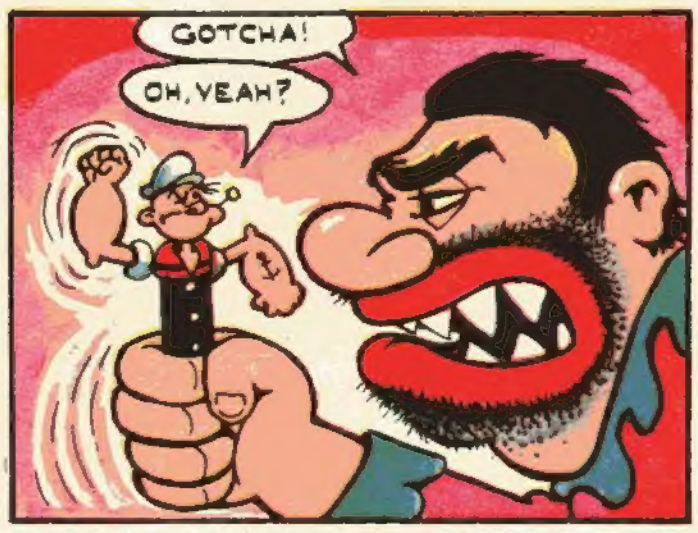

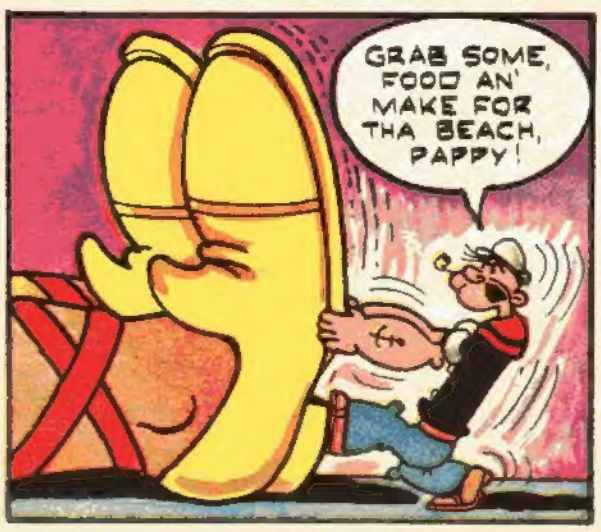

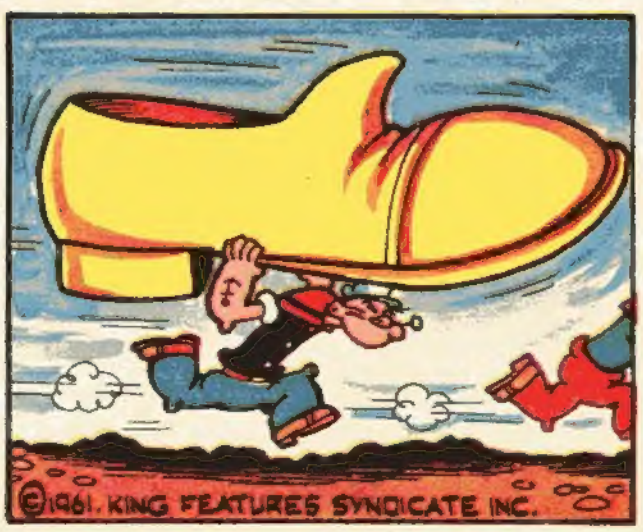

FOUR FEATHER FALLS

I MUST GO HUNTIN' ONCE MORE BEFORE I GET TOO OLD!

LATER...

LIKE TO GO ON A HUNTIN' TRIP, MARVIN?

WHAT? AT MY AGE, TWINK!

THEN TWINK ASKED DOC HAGGERTY THE SAME QUESTION.

SURE AND IT'S A SPLENDID IDEA, TWINK! WE'LL SET OFF FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

NEXT DAY AT DAWN, THE HUNTERS SET OFF...

I PROMISED TO BRING BACK A MOUNTAIN LION FOR MA JONES!

BY NOON, THEY HAD LEFT THEIR HORSES IN THE SHADE BELOW AND WERE CLIMBING THE ROCKY HEIGHTS.

MEANWHILE, IN FOUR FEATHER FALLS...

I HOPE THOSE FOOLISH OLD MEN COME TO NO HARM, MR. TUCKER!

TEX DECIDED TO SADDLE ROCKY JUST IN CASE.

TWINK AND DOC HAGGERTY WERE NEARING THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN.

I BET THEM LIONS IS GOIN' TO BE SCARED WHEN THEY SEE ME ON THE MOUNTAIN AGAIN!

Adapted from Granada's Television series "Four Feather Falls."

SUDDENLY...
HEY, LOOK, DOC! LION TRACKS!
THERE HE IS!
PUT ON YOUR GLASSES, DOC. WE GOTTA STALK THAT LION!
LOOKS AS IF HE AIN'T GOING TO WAIT FOR US TO SHOOT HIM, TWINK!
BEST LEAVE THE SHOOTIN' TO ME, DOC. I'M USED TO HUNTIN' AN' THEM LIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS!
THERE HE IS, TWINK!
STAND BACK, DOC - I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO DEAL WITH MOUNTAIN LIONS!
TWINK TOOK AIM AND FIRED.
HIS OLD GUN HAD A KICK LIKE A MULE...
MY! OH MY! I DO BELIEVE THE MIGHTY HUNTER HAS DONE HIMSELF MORE HARM THAN THE LION.
TEX HAD GONE TO LOOK FOR HIS OLD FRIENDS WHEN HE HEARD THE SHOT.
SOUNDS LIKE TWINK GOT HIS MOUNTAIN LION ALL RIGHT, ROCKY!
NEVILLE MAIN
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LATER...
NO, TEX, I GOT TWINK! HE WAS KNOCKED OUT BY HIS GUN!
WHAT YOU GOT THERE, DOC? TWINK'S LION?

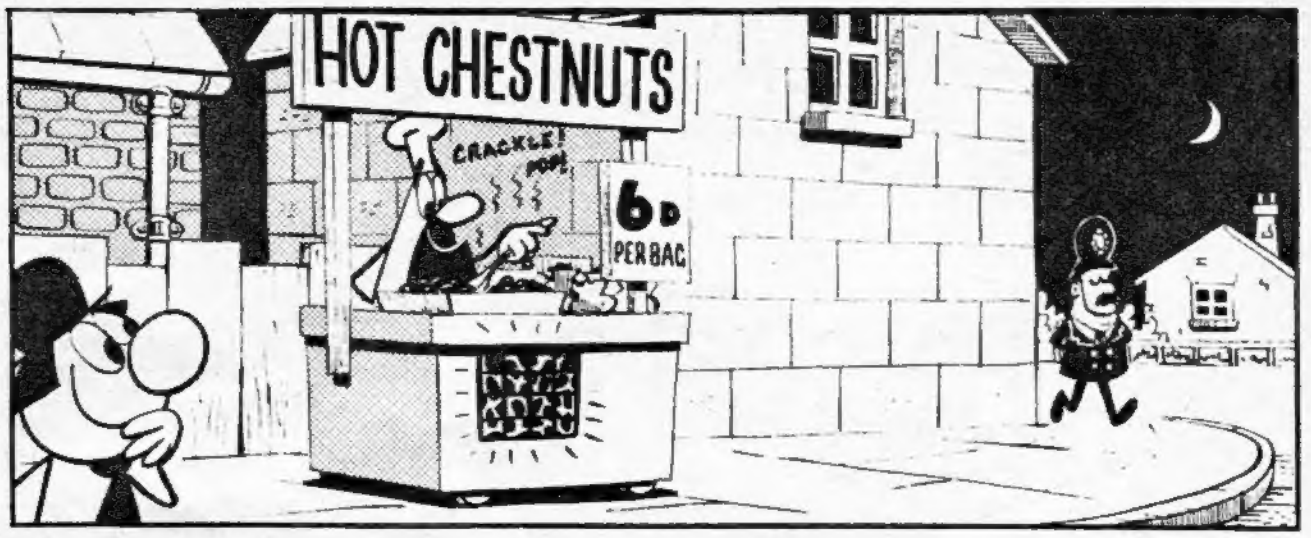
Another 'Four Feather Falls' adventure next week!

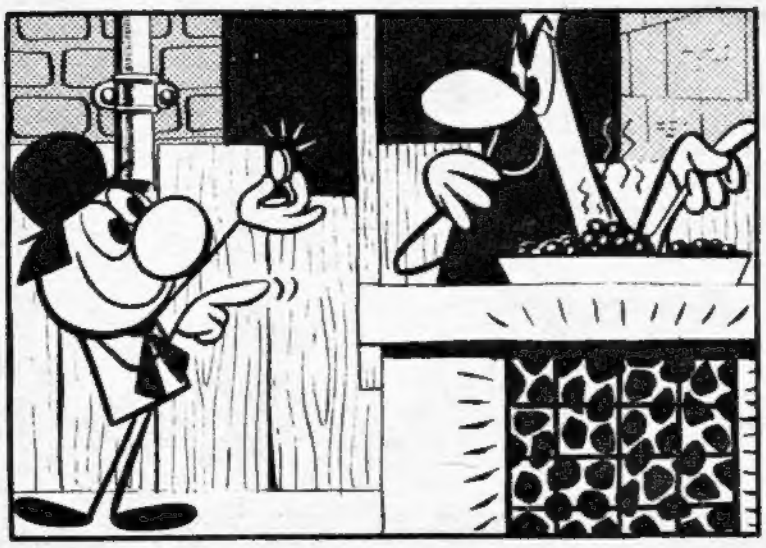
FOO FOO

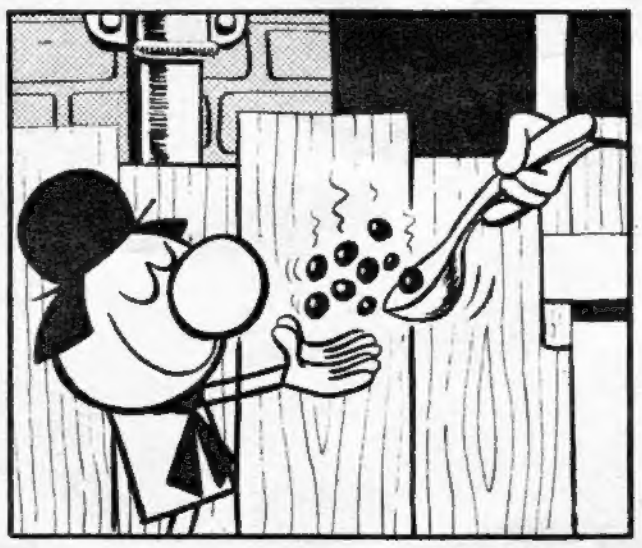
with GOGO in

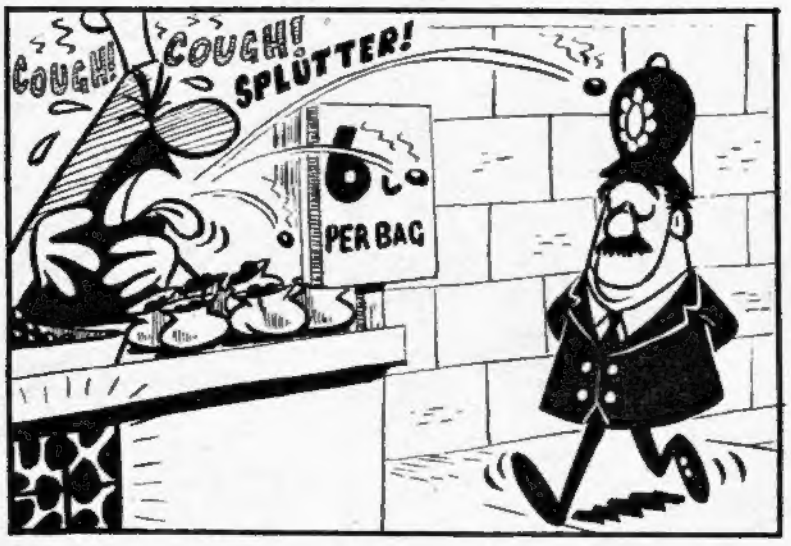
HOT CHESTNUTS

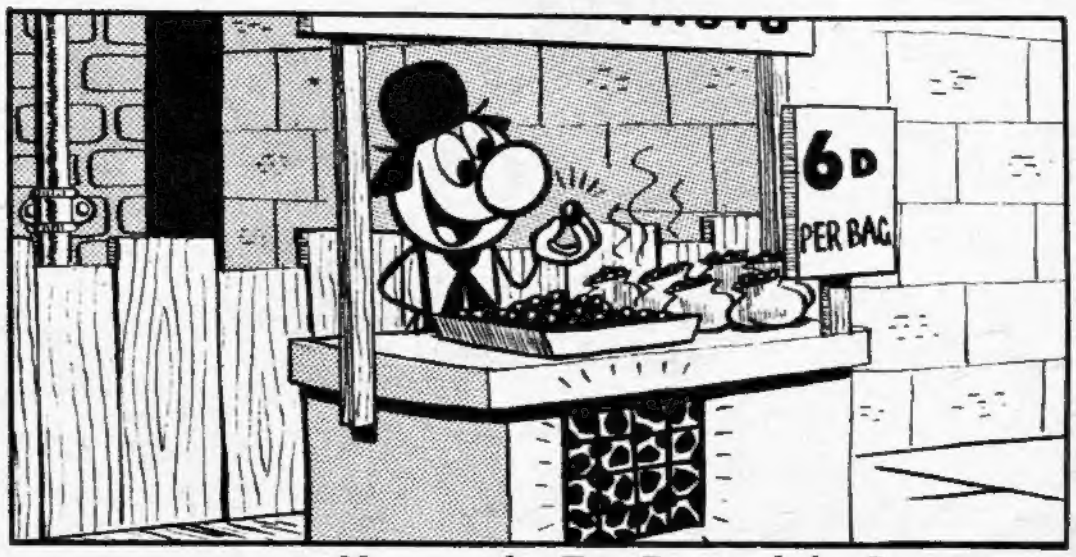
by Halas & Batchelor











Adapted from ABC Television's series "Foo Foo."

Next week: Foo Foo and the Boomerang!

THE RANGE RIDER

THE Range Rider and Dick West are riding towards Silverload to watch the State Boxing Match. Suddenly they see some masked men attacking a stage. The Range Rider beats off the bandits, but . . .

THE STAGE IS OUT OF CONTROL!

RIDING LIKE THE WIND, THE RANGE RIDER CAME ALONGSIDE THE TEAM . . .

WHOA! PULL UP, MY BEAUTIES!

THE RANGE RIDER SMILED AS THE COACH DOOR OPENED...

LAFE ROSCOE AND CHARLIE BURNS, WHY WERE THOSE MEN AFTER YOU?

LAFE 'ERE 'AS BEEN THREATENED IF HE DOESN'T LOSE THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CHAMP!

YES, RANGE RIDER, AND WE'VE REFUSED TO THROW AWAY THIS CHANCE. SO THEY'RE OUT TO GET ME. WE RECKON GRANT SOPER, A BIG GAMBLER FROM SILVERLOAD IS BEHIND IT.

YES, IF SOPER PUTS MONEY ON THE CHAMP AND MAKES SURE YOU LOSE, HE'LL WIN A LOT OF CASH. I'LL GO AND SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT!

AND I'LL TAKE LAFE AND CHARLIE TO THE TRAINING CAMP.

THE RANGE RIDER HEADED FOR GRANT SOPER'S LOST NUGGET SALOON.

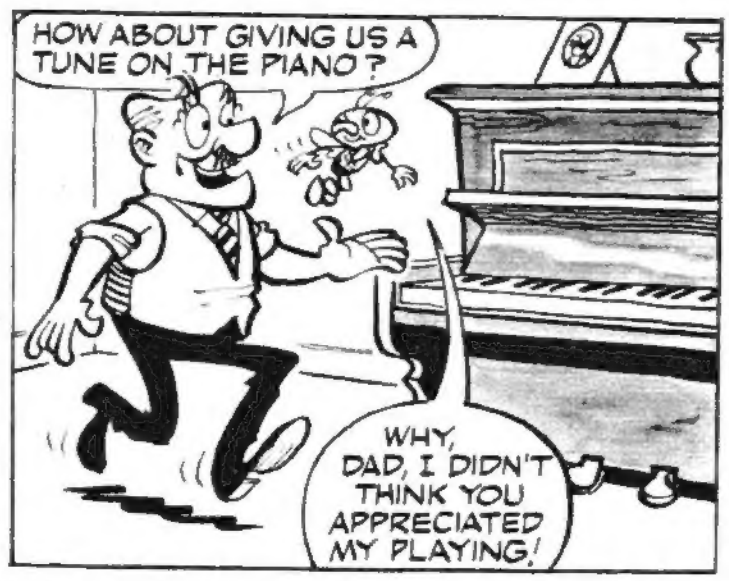
JAKE, AIN'T THAT THE GUY WHO ROUGHED US UP WHEN WE WENT AFTER ROSCOE'S STAGE?

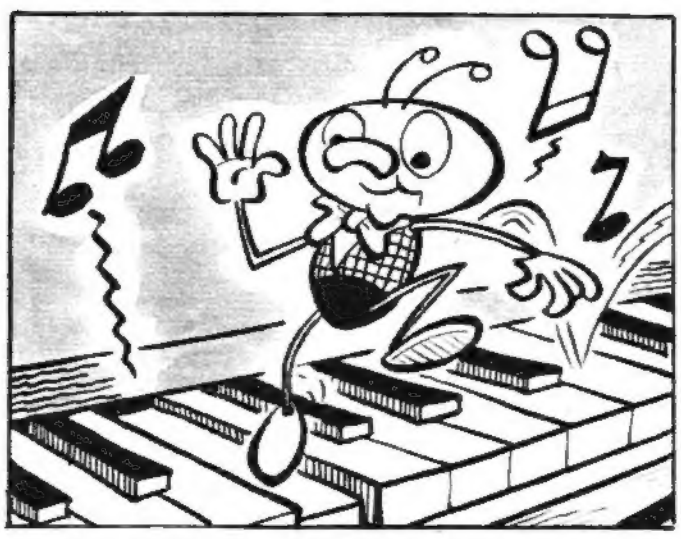
IT SURE IS! LET'S TEACH HIM A LESSON!

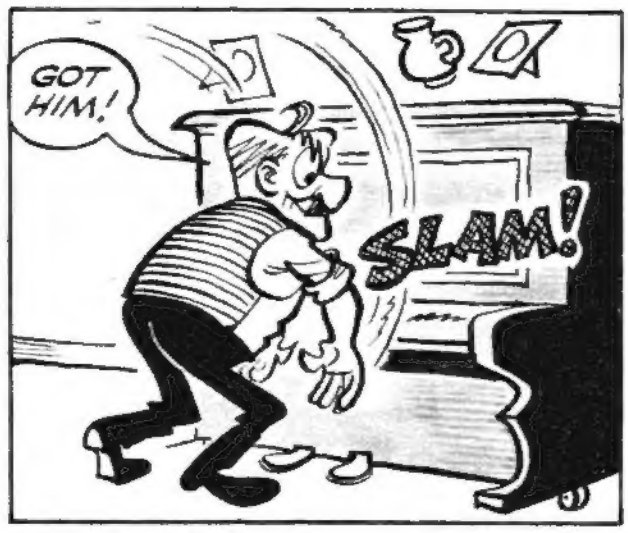
PRIVA

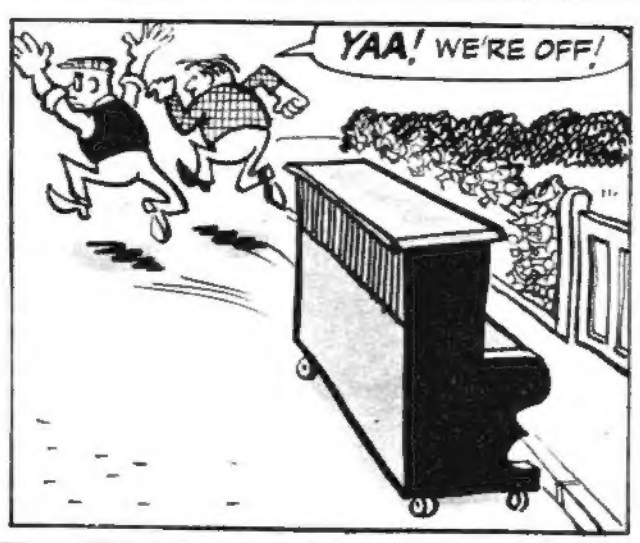
MORE NEXT WEEK.

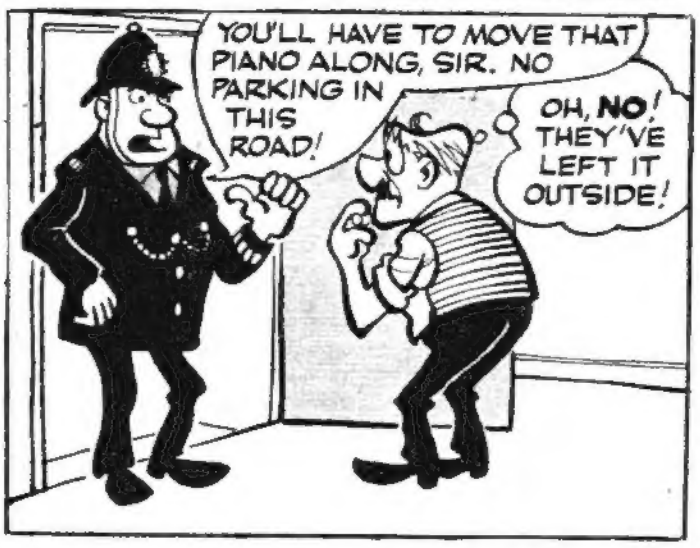
MIGHTY MOTH

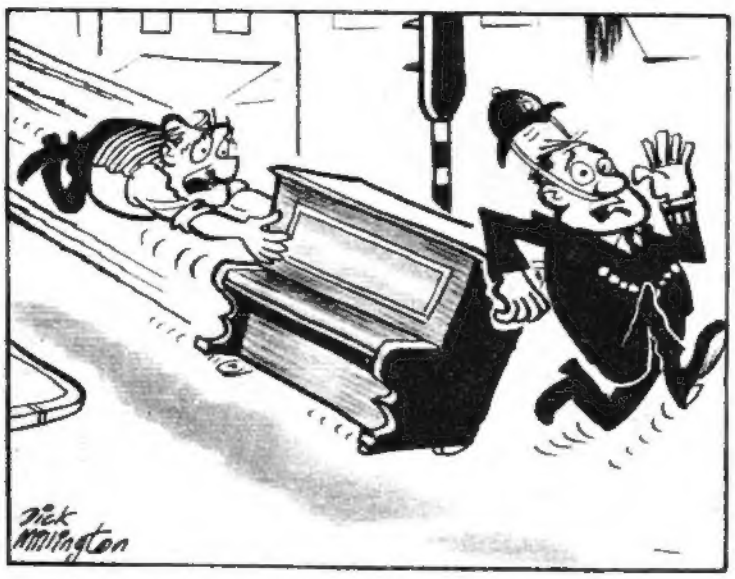












DRIVING A PIANO WITHOUT A LICENCE... DRIVING PAST A RED TRAFFIC LIGHT... ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTY...
THIS IS GOING TO COST HIM A PRETTY PACKET! HO! HO! HO!

Our Moth will be back again in TV COMIC next week!

TERRY HALL'S

Lenny the Lion

I WAKE UP FEELING AWFUL. I WISH I KNEW OF A GOOD TONIC.

LATER

THAT LOOKS INTERESTING. I'LL BUY IT!

SECONDHAND BOOKS.

GOOD HEALTH WITH HERBS.

OH, DEAR. I'VE GOT EVERY INGREDIENT BUT THE GOAT WEED. I'LL HAVE TO PICK SOME!

SO AT DAWN THE NEXT DAY...

SHEESH, I THOUGHT EARLY RISING WAS STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS!

NOW THAT'S A HEALTHY GOAT! I'LL TAKE THE STUFF HE'S EATING!

BETTER TO HAVE TOO MUCH THAN TOO LITTLE!

THAT NATURE CRANK IS RAIDING MY PASTURE. I'LL BUTT IN ON HIM.

WHAM!

BOY, TWO HUNDRED YARDS! HE'S A REALLY HEALTHY GOAT!

I'VE MADE ENOUGH TONIC TO LAST ME FOR AGES. A GLASS EVERY DAY WILL DO THE TRICK!

AND AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF GOAT WEED TONIC...

POOO

I MUST GET TO A DOCTOR QUICKLY!

WELL, LENNY, FOR A GOAT YOU ARE IN GOOD HEALTH, BUT AS A LION YOU'RE IN PRETTY POOR SHAPE. I'LL GIVE YOU A TONIC!

MEVIN

More Lenny-laughs next week!

MASTERSPY and Zarin have stolen a new car that is going to attempt the Cross States Record. Mike Mercury arrives in Supercar just too late to stop the crooks, who make for Los Angeles.

OFFICE SUPPLIES

NOW WE'LL HIDE THE CAR UNTIL IT'S TIME TO GET THE PLANS TOMORROW, FRIEND ZARIN!

WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT CAR BACK FOR THE CROSS STATES RECORD ATTEMPT!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL TRACK MASTERSPY DOWN!

SUPERCAR

MIKE DROPPED THE DRIVER OFF AT A SMALL TOWN NEAR THE GRAND CANYON. THEN HE HEADED SUPERCAR TOWARDS THE NEVADA DESERT...

OH! OH! LOOK AT THAT SANDSTORM BLOWING UP. WE'LL JUST MAKE IT BACK TO THE WORKSHOP BEFORE IT BREAKS!

WE'LL SEE WHAT DR. BEAKER AND PROFESSOR POPKISS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE STOLEN CAR!

IT'S FANTASTIC! IT'S TREMENDOUS! IT'S—

SUPERCAR

IT FLASHES ACROSS THE SKY—IT ZOOMS THROUGH WATER—IT SPEEDS OVER LAND! IT'S THE MARVEL OF THE AGE!

Based on the A.P. Films Ltd., and Associated Television Ltd., series "Supercar"

THAT'S THE STORY, PROF. WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?

HMM... IT'S ALL VERY STRANGE. MASTERSPY MUST HAVE A SCHEME IN MIND. LET'S ASK BEAKER WHAT HE THINKS!

THAT'S ODD - HE ISN'T IN HIS LAB. LET'S TAKE A LOOK OUTSIDE!

THE JEEP'S GONE! DR. BEAKER MUST HAVE TAKEN IT... AND JUST LOOK AT THAT SAND-STORM!

MIKE, YOU MUST GET AFTER HIM QUICKLY!

HE MUST HAVE BEEN GONE SOME TIME... THE TRACKS ARE VERY FAINT!

AS THE SANDSTORM GREW WORSE...

OH, BROTHER! I CAN'T SEE A THING THROUGH THE COCKPIT! THIS STORM'S A REAL HUM-DINGER!

SUDDENLY, MIKE HEARD A COUGHING, SPLUTTERING SOUND...

OH, NO!

THE SAND'S CLOGGED THE MOTOR'S. I'LL HAVE TO LAND PRONTO!

AND IN THE THICK OF THE SANDSTORM...

DEAR ME! THE MOTOR HAS JUST CEASED TO FUNCTION!

IF THIS STORM KEEPS UP, I SHALL BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE! THIS IS MOST UNSATISFACTORY!

MEVIN

Next week, Dr. Beaker is captured by Masterspy! Do not miss the thrills!

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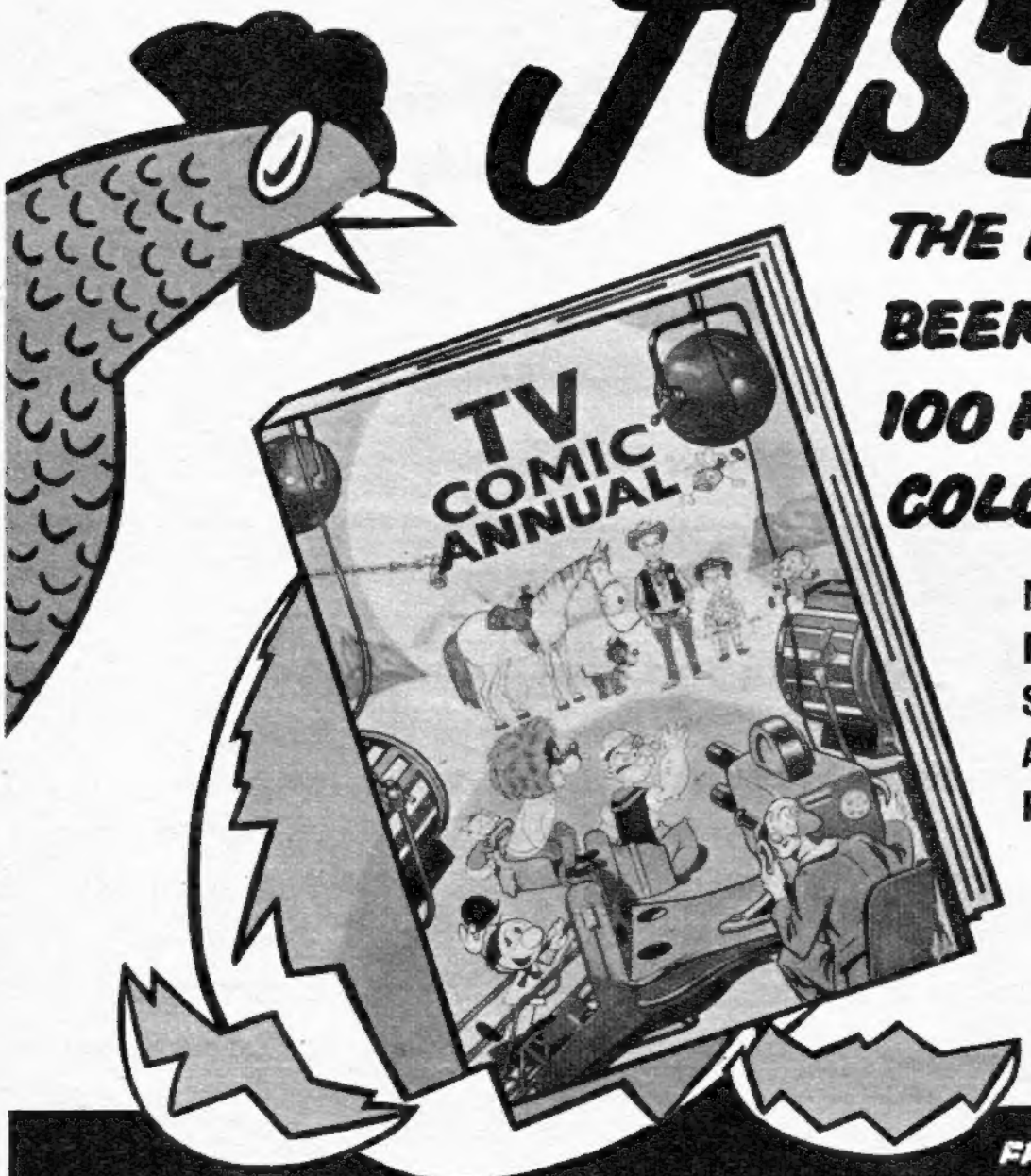

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ANIMAL CARE

Grahame Dangerfield tells you how to look after your pets.

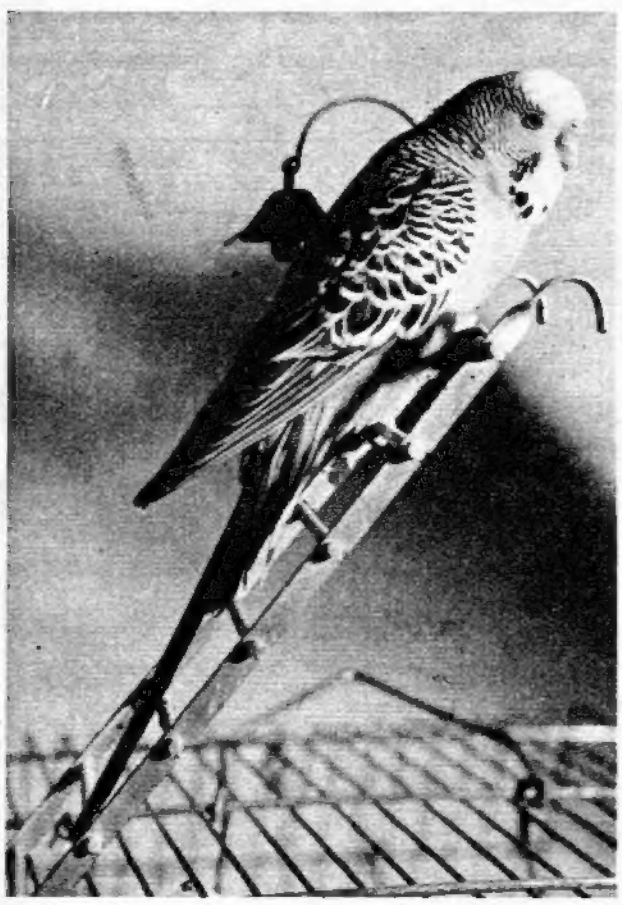
THIS WEEK: BUDGERIGARS

About your Pet

THE Budgerigar is the most popular pet in this country. Seven million are kept in homes throughout the British Isles, and this is an amazing number.

This pretty, hardy little bird has its wild home in Australia, but since it has been extensively kept in captivity, a great many domestic colours have been evolved.

Wild Budgerigars fly very fast, and your pet should not be prevented from using its wings. In many cases it will not be possible to give your Budgie an aviary, but if it is at all likely, that is the ideal home.



A tame Budgerigar outside its cage.

If you cannot manage an aviary, get a really large cage.

Most pet shop cages are too small, and if you can have a larger enclosure constructed your Budgie will be much happier.

A male Budgerigar, when adult, has a blue area around the nostrils, and the adult female has a brown area.

Housing

AVIARIES should be out of the wind, as big as possible, and in the sun. There should always be a good roof that not only keeps out the wet, but also shades the birds from sun, to some extent.

A weather-proof shelter should always be available, and something like a shed on to which the aviary can be built, will do very well. It is wise to have safety or double doors on an aviary, so that at no time is there any risk of escape.

Cages should be kept in a place in a living room that is completely free from draught. One side of a cage should be against a wall, as this not only tends to help against draught, but it also gives the bird a better sense of security.

Cage perches should be different sizes. It is wrong for your Budgie to spend all its life on the same sized perches. Cage-living Budgerigars should be allowed to fly round the room each day, but be sure to close the windows.

Take great care also to cover all naked fires, whether coal or electric, and at first prevent your pet from flying into the glass of a window at speed. Cages should have a glass surround at the bottom, as this will fight draught well. Plastic bags will do, but glass looks nicer.

Toys for Budgies are a good idea, but don't clutter the cage with them. One mirror, one bell, and one swing are quite enough in the average smaller cage.

Never give your pet a toy which it can destroy. A cotton reel, without the cotton of course, is a good toy. The bone of a cuttle-fish should be available.

Selection

WHEN you have your cage or aviary ready, you are set to buy a Budgerigar. Avoid birds in poor feather. The plumage should be sleek, and the outline smooth.

A healthy Budgie will be active and perky, so do not buy those that are sitting about miserably with their heads under their wings. Avoid birds with dirty feathers and those with rough beaks or rough scales on the legs.

Feeding

THE natural food of the wild Budgerigar is seed and fruit. Commercial food in packets is very good, on the whole. A basic diet should be a seed mixture of two parts canary seed and one part white millet. Add one part brown millet, and a few groats.

Spray millet is very good. Other good foods are watercress, chickweed, cabbage, lettuce, and a piece of turf sometimes.

Budgerigar grit can be bought from pet shops, and this should be given to the Budgie. Never feed silly things like bread and jam, meat and sweets. Stick to the correct food always.

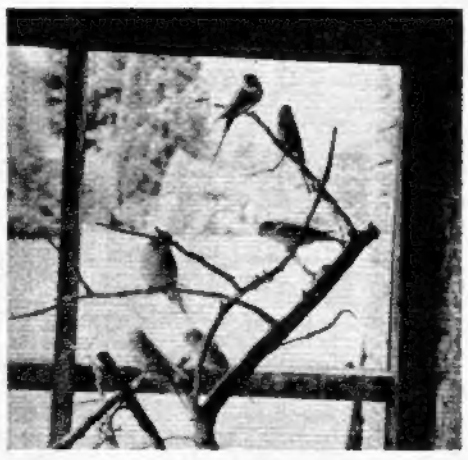
Every Budgerigar must have water all the time. A water pot that hangs on the side of the cage should be placed level with a perch.

Always be on the look-out for soiled water. To change the water every day is playing safe, for dirty water is dangerous.

An easy way of avoiding this is to use a water 'hopper', which has a small drinking area, and therefore stands less chance of becoming soiled.

Breeding

NOTHING can be nicer than an attractive aviary in the garden with a colony of breeding Budgerigars in it.



A good outlook from an aviary. The birds can see the whole garden.

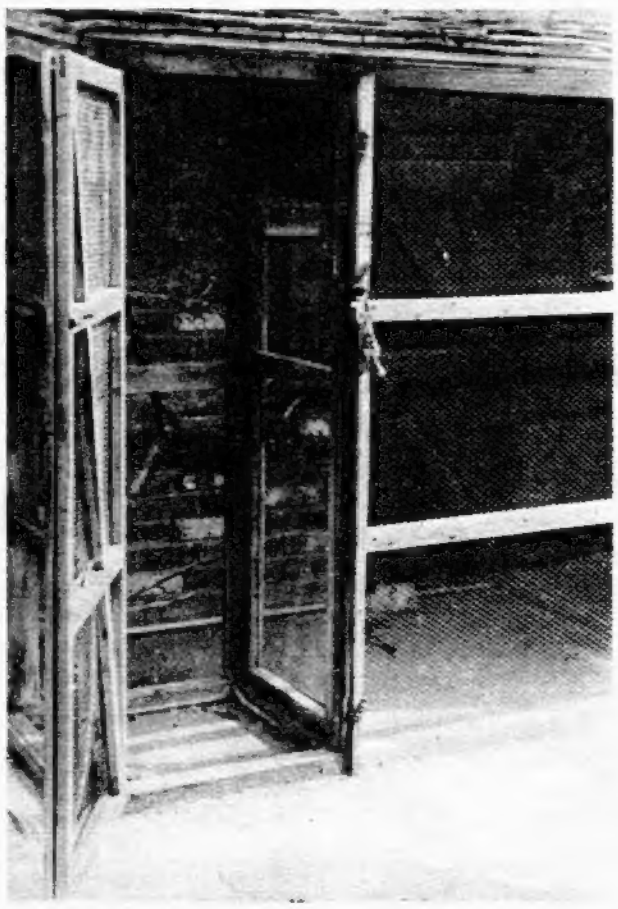
Breeding must be stopped during the winter, and it should only be allowed between the beginning of April and the end of September.

Breeding can be prevented by removing the nest boxes.

Baby Budgies reared in aviaries do much better than those bred in cages.

Nest boxes vary in size, but a good standard size can be obtained from a pet shop.

Every pair of Budgies should have two nest boxes, and the birds breed better if there are several pairs together, providing of course that they have plenty of room.



An open aviary showing safety 'double doors'.

Health

A FREQUENT cause of illness is draught. This, and dampness, must be avoided at all times. An unwell Budgie will sit humped up on its perch, with its feathers fluffed up and its eyes closed. The feathers round the vents at the side of the bird's head should never be stained or stuck together. If your pet looks ill, cover the cage, except for the front, and keep it in a temperature of 70-80° F.

Go to a vet at once in any case of illness. He is there to tend to any complaint, including overgrown beak and claws.

Always cover the cage in the evening if it is in a living room, otherwise your bird will feed too much, become too fat, and get very ill.

A Budgie should live about eight years.

Next week, Grahame Dangerfield tells you all about the Hamster.

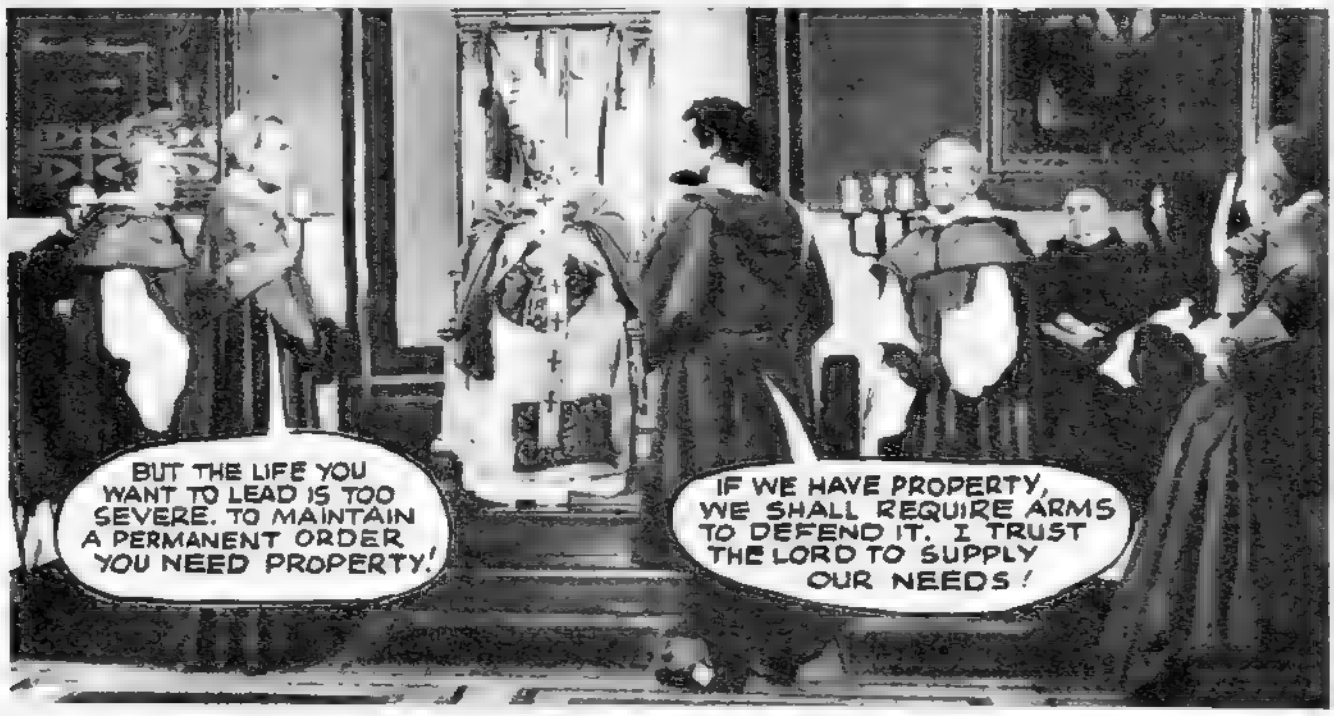
FRANCIS OF ASSISI

WITH his eleven friends, Francis made his way to Rome to present their Rule to the Pope. Gaining entry to the Vatican by dodging the guards, the young Friar come to Cardinal Hugolino.

JUST THEN, TWO GUARDS CAME UP AND ESCORTED FRANCIS AWAY. BUT THE CARDINAL STILL HELD THE SCROLL...

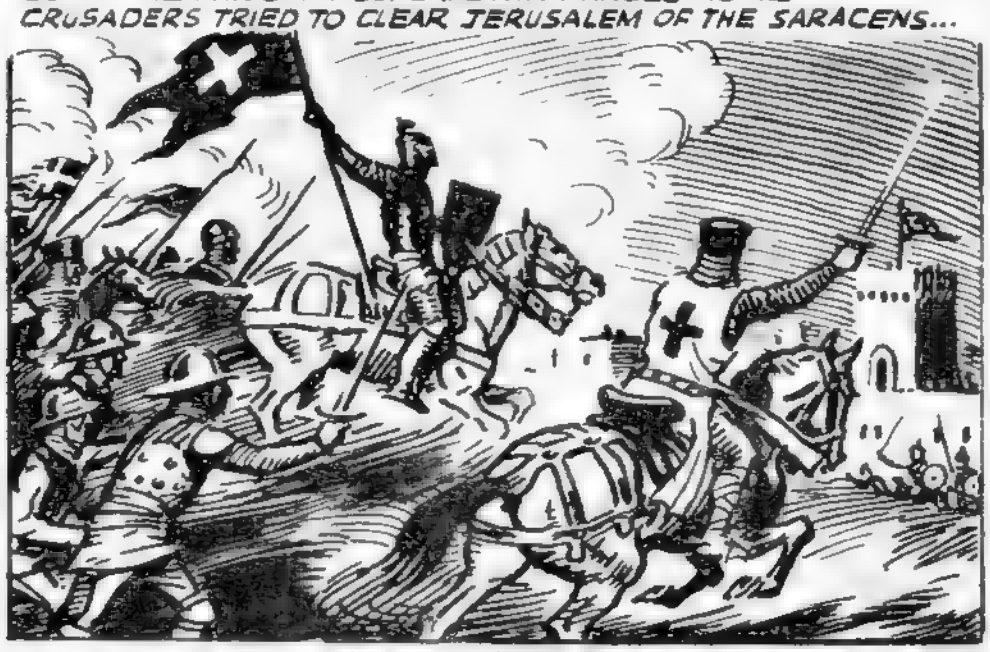
THEN, AS FRANCIS CROSSED THE COURTYARD...

MOMENTS LATER..


BUT THE LIFE YOU WANT TO LEAD IS TOO SEVERE. TO MAINTAIN A PERMANENT ORDER YOU NEED PROPERTY!
IF WE HAVE PROPERTY, WE SHALL REQUIRE ARMS TO DEFEND IT. I TRUST THE LORD TO SUPPLY OUR NEEDS!

FROM THAT DAY ON, FRANCIS AND THE BROTHERS DID MANY GOOD WORKS FOR THE PEOPLE. THEY HELPED IN THE FIELDS AND REBUILT MORE CHURCHES. IT WAS A COMMON THING TO FIND FRANCIS WITH PETS OF LOCAL CHILDREN...

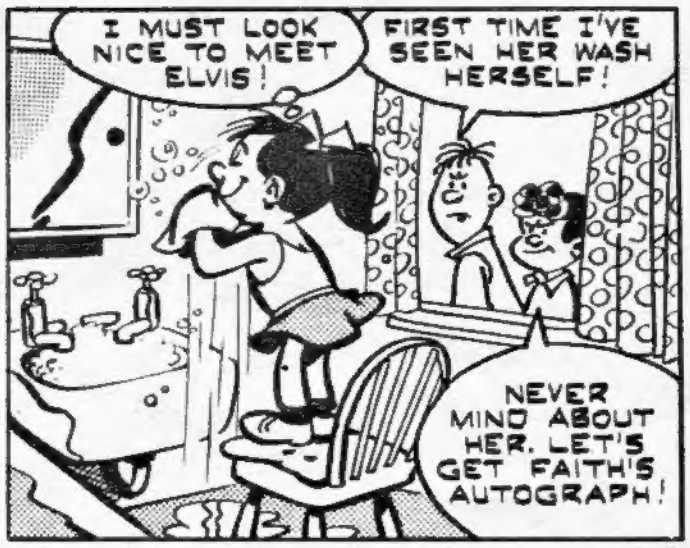
BUT IN THE FAR OFF HOLY LAND, WAR WAGED AS THE CRUSADERS TRIED TO CLEAR JERUSALEM OF THE SARACENS...

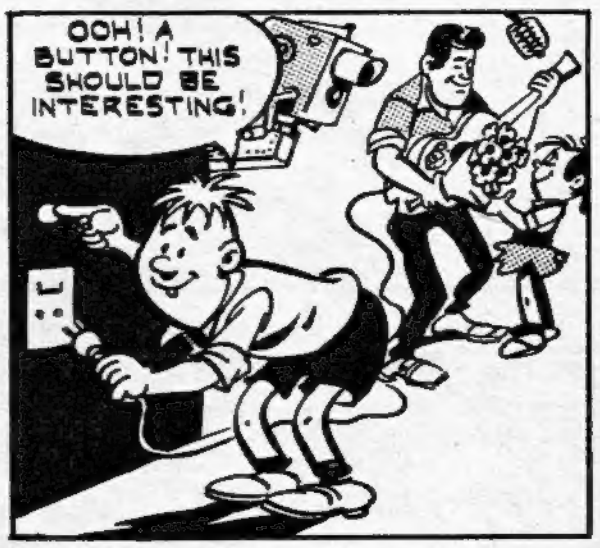


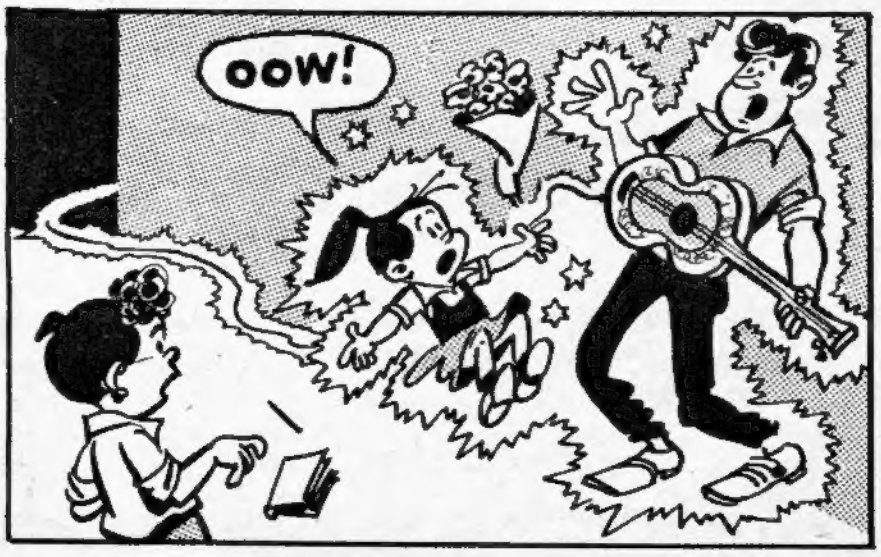
Freely adopted from the Twentieth Century-Fox CinemaScope film "Francis of Assisi"

Next week, Francis meets the Sultan!

The TV Terrors







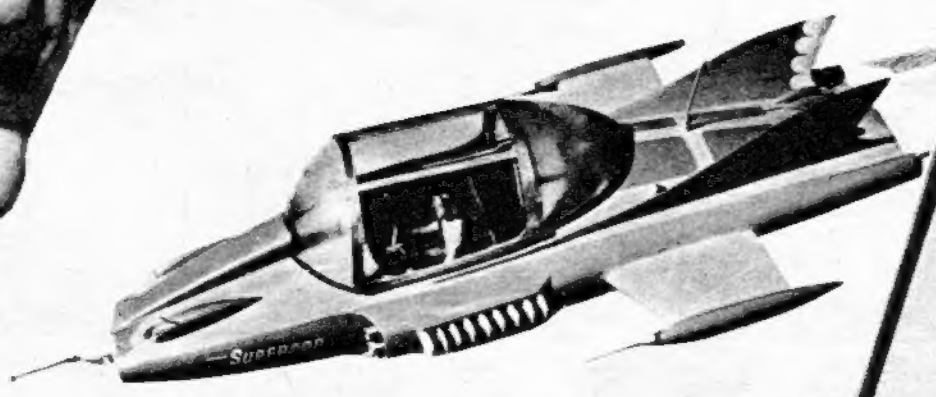
THE DOC SAYS WE SHOULD STAY HERE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS TO GET OVER THE SHOCK... SO, I'LL SIGN MY AUTOGRAPH FOR YOU, MONICA!
COO! THANK YOU, MR. FAITH!
GRRR!

For fun and thrills, TV COMIC is best!

A MESSAGE FROM MIKE MERCURY

Hallo there . . . Great News!

Here's your chance to join my SUPERCAR CLUB and come sky-riding with the Supercar team.



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Coco the Clown

PUFF! BLOWING UP A RUBBER DINGHY IS HARD WORK.

IDEA!

GO IT, TIMBO, A FEW MORE PUFFS WILL DO IT!

I'LL TRY IT OUT!

WHOOPS!

WOW! POOR OLD TIMBO IS INFLATED- AND HE'S AIRBORNE!

AIR CIRCU

HELP! RESCUE! S-O-S!

GAD! IT'S COCO! SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG!

QUICK, FOLLOW THAT ELEPHANT!

PHUT! PHUT!

OOPS! WE'VE RUN OUT OF JUICE!

GOOD-O! I'VE MADE A TWO POINT LANDING!

SO HAS POOR OLD TIMBO!

OWP!

OH, WIZARD SHOW, OLD BOY! YOU'VE BOTH SAVED MY JOLLY OLD KITE - I MUST GIVE YOU A TREAT FOR THIS!

GOOD! HOW ABOUT A TOW AROUND THE BAY?

BOY THIS IS THE WAY TO TRAVEL, ISN'T IT, TIMBO?

HOLD TIGHT! HERE WE GO...

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The Secret Sign of the Ladybird Adventure Club

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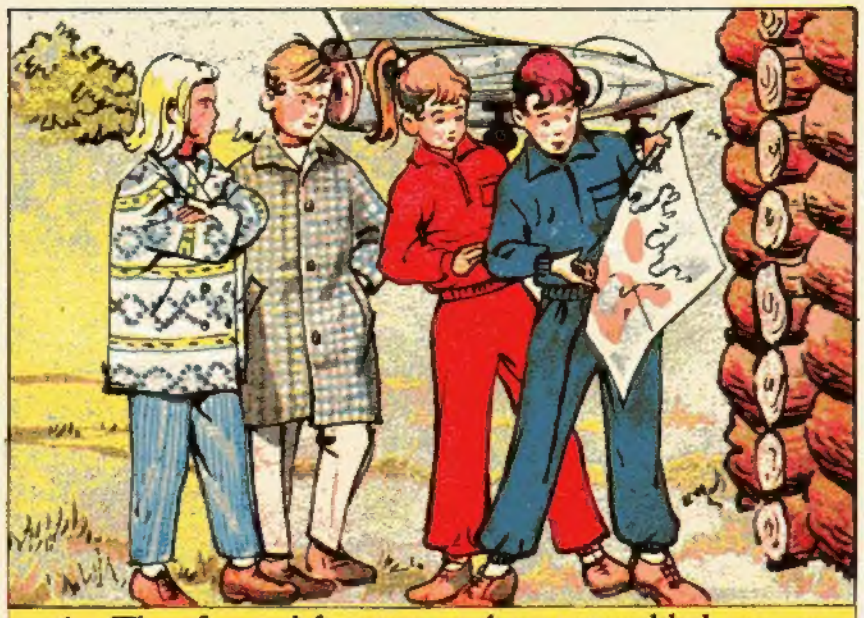
You too will be a member if you wear Ladybird clothes — like 6 million other boys and girls all over the world.

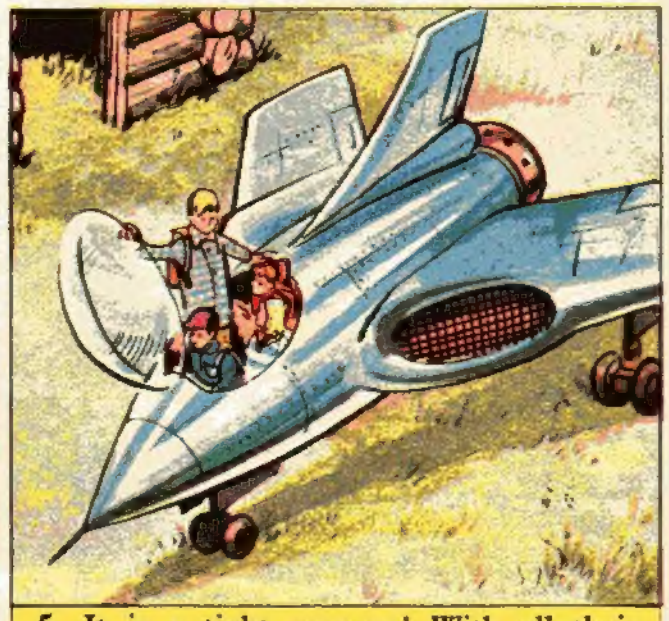


1. The four Adventurers have stumbled on a gang of smugglers who are based in Tryberia.

2. "Look! Here's Tryberia," says Peter. "It's bound to be very cold up there."

3. "We're lucky we've got plenty of warm Ladybird clothes to take with us."

4. They fold their clothes neatly and pack them into rucksacks.

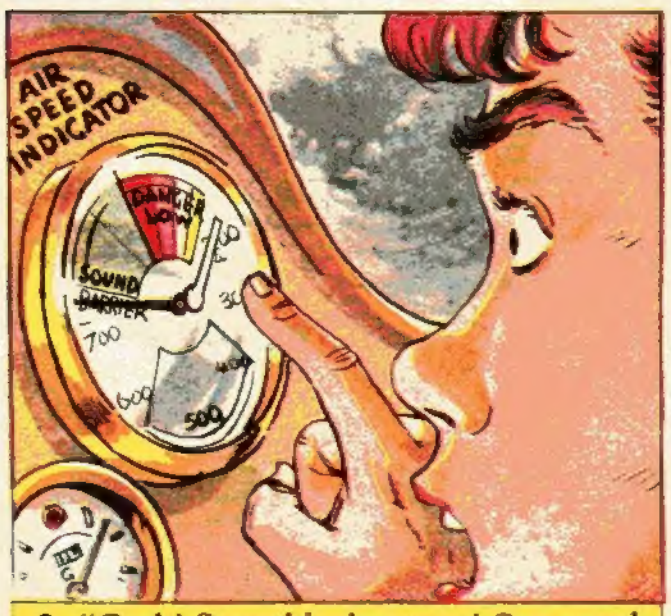


5. It is a tight squeeze! With all their luggage they make a heavy load.

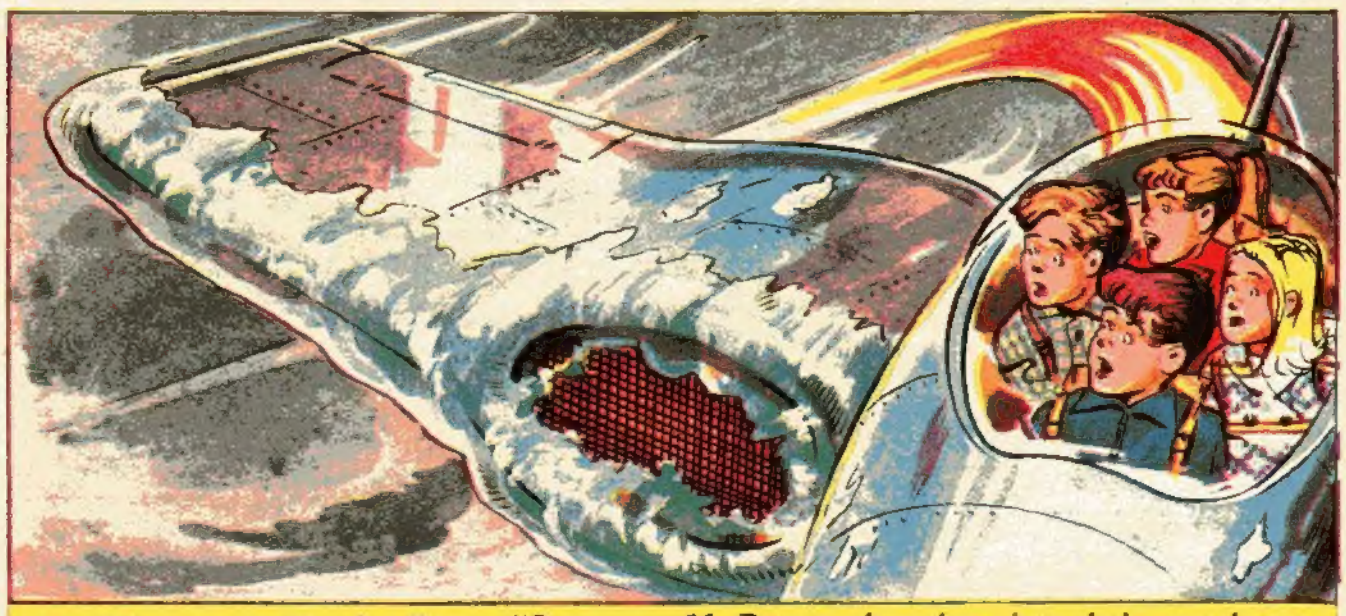
6. Peter is at the controls. They take off and head for Tryberia.

7. They are soon flying over a sea dotted with ice-floes.

8. Ahead of them lies a huge bank of menacing storm clouds.



9. "Gosh! Something's wrong! Our speed is dropping very quickly!"



10. "No wonder!" cries Peter. "See how the wings are icing-up."

11. Peter orders them into their parachutes in case they have to jump.